



Dog Park FAQ

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Keep Your Dog Safe. Keep your dog safe by always keeping him or her on leash. Each year over 4,000 lost or stray dogs are impounded at the shelter, and over 400 dog bites are investigated. A citation may be issued if a violation is witnessed by an enforcement officer, or (3) or more persons willing to sign a declaration within a (12) month period.

Rules. Dogs may be off-leash in a designated dog exercise area between the hours of 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM. Aggressive dogs and spiked collars are never permitted.

Additionally, dogs must be:

- Under visual and voice control at all times
- Never left unattended
- Over the age of (4) months
- Vaccinated and licensed

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- o Dog license tag required (6.08.010)
- o Dogs prohibited on beaches or school grounds (including bike paths) (6.16.090)
- o Dog leash required (6.16.100)
- o Defecation removal required (6.16.200)
- o Bite reporting required (6.12.040)
- o Rabies inoculation required (6.12.110)

Complaint Process

1. For all emergencies, call 9-1-1, or (562) 570-PETS for animal-related issues
2. Contact the nearest enforcement officer (if present)
3. Document violations with photograph, video, or written evidence
4. Collect contact information of witnesses for follow-up investigation

Citation Process

1. A citation may be issued if an enforcement officer is witness to the violation
2. If no officer is present, evidence must be submitted to Animal Care Services
3. If sufficient evidence is collected, a citation may be issued by mail
4. Citations must be appealed within (21) days and paid within (30) days of issuance
5. Penalties will be assessed and additional citations may be issued if violation is not paid or corrected
6. Criminal citations may be issued for chronic safety issues

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